

# Wilderness Road State Park

8051 Wilderness Road  
Ewing, VA 24248

"We are a Virginia State Park dedicated to the historical and environmental education of the communities that we serve."

**Green Statement:** "As a park within Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation, it is our duty to be leaders in Green initiatives, so that we may set the example for others to follow."



## CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Attractions

- ☒ **Recycling.** Virginia Green facilities must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles, or other disposable products purchased at the facility. Recycling of cardboard, plastic, paper, and composting of waste foods is highly encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:
  - Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: plastic bottles, aluminum cans
  - Also recycle: steel cans, newspaper, office paper, cardboard, electronic equipment, scrap metal
- ☒ **Minimize the use of disposable food service products.** The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:
  - Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- ☒ **Reduce solid waste.** The facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

### *Restrooms*

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

### *Office*

- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

#### *Buildings and grounds*

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Install carpet with sustainable or recycled content and low-VOC adhesives
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

☒ **Use water efficiently.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its water use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs

#### *Activities indoors*

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
  - High efficiency dishwashers
  - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
  - Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)

#### *Activities outdoors*

- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Have minimized impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Have installed a green roof
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

☒ **Conserve energy.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its energy use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

#### *Heating and cooling*

- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on

#### *Lighting*

- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting

#### *Appliances and electronic devices*

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)

#### *Building construction and renovation*

- Achieved LEED certification during the facility's construction

☒ **Other Sustainability Actions.**

- As a member of Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation, we are committed to educating the public about our environmental impacts. By setting the example, we are able to educate the community on reducing their impacts by providing a highly visible recycling program, hosting community cleanup projects, and providing various wildlife

programs thorough the year. Though these community education programs, we are making an investment to reduce future environmental impacts.

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For more information on Wilderness Road State Park, see [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state\\_parks/wil.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/wil.shtml) or contact John Hartley at [john.hartley@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:john.hartley@dcr.virginia.gov) or 276-445-3065.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Attractions** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for **Green Attractions** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen) or [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org).



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